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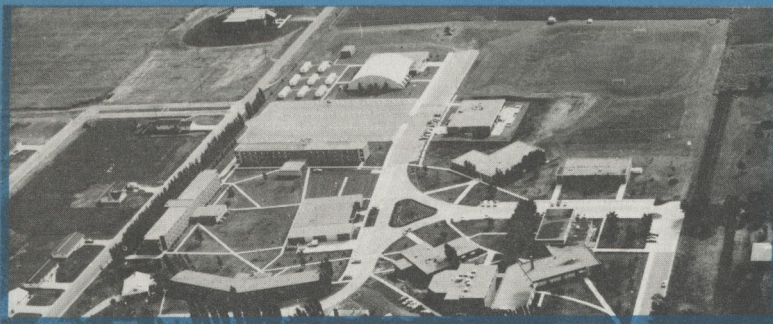
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NEW YEAR'S REFLECTIONS

"Looking unto Jesus. . . ." Hebrews 12:2

This is, indeed, an appropriate phrase to reflect upon as we begin the year of our Lord, 1974. These words apply not only to individual Christians but to the whole body of believers as it operates in and through the church, the home, the school, the state, yes, the entire Kingdom life. What a beautiful picture of the on-going posture of God's people in all places, under all circumstances, throughout the world...looking unto Jesus.

What a wealth of thoughts and ideas is prompted by this phrase. To whom else would we want to be looking other than to Jesus? For we owe everything to Him. The writer to the Hebrews puts it this way: "Looking unto Him, the author and finisher of our faith." Now that is fundamental, is it not? Faith is our connecting link to God. It opens up to us all the promises and blessings of the Lord. From whence cometh our faith, by whom is it sustained and perfected so that we may truly live and be fruitful? The answer is: Jesus!

Furthermore, what better example is there to fix our eyes of faith upon and for us to follow than Jesus? Our text tells us it was Jesus, "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." What a comfort! What an inspiration! What encouragement! The person of Jesus Christ Himself must ever be a reminder to us as we battle against overwhelming forces surrounded by suffering and shame. He watches intently over us calling us to look at Him.

Do not these words suggest also our own weaknesses and His strength? In the previous verse we are admonished "to lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us..." Why are we to look to Him? Because of our frailties. And God's people are very conscious of these sins and inadequacies. How disheartened we often become because of them. Aware of our high calling and the race that is set before us, we tend to be discouraged by our sinful limitations and our frequent stumblings. We are ashamed of ourselves and are inclined to give up. How are we to rally to our Christian duty? Look to Jesus! Where? "Set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Surely that is more, infinitely more, than good enough.

Yes, indeed, your and my Jesus is a powerful Jesus, all-powerful. He holds the reins of the world in His hands. All that comes to pass in our lives is controlled and directed by Him. And He loves us. He sees to it that whatever happens will turn out for our good. He will never allow anything to separate us from His love. Knowing our frailties, desiring that we be faithful and loyal to His love, He beckons us to look to Him. Therein lies our only hope of endurance and success. For we can count upon Jesus.

The year 1974 awaits us. Its challenges will be enormous. Looking to Jesus, we will be more than conquerors.

Rev. B. J. Haan

We Wish Each One a Blessed New Year



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN...

Rev. B. J. Haan

HOW REFORMED ARE WE?

Part VI

The Purpose of Education

It is very urgent that there be agreement among us on the basic purpose of Christian education. There is, of course, room for some difference but not when it concerns the fundamentals. Our fathers warned against certain trends in our circles and took pains to fortify us against views concerning the purpose of education which are inimical to our Reformed principles. The late Rev. Henry Schultze was one of these church leaders. Schultze was teacher of New Testament in Calvin Seminary for some fifteen years before he became president of Calvin College in 1942. He wrote regularly in The Banner under a column entitled "Christian Home and School." Recently I came across one of these articles entitled, "The Purpose of Education." When I read the article, written twenty years ago, I was amazed to find how relevant it is for us today.

In the opening paragraph, Schultze wrote, "Parents who are fully conscious of their educational efforts would regard the purpose as being to develop individuals thoroughly furnished for every good work in the Kingdom. That, I think, is an excellent way of expressing the purpose of Christian education."

Schultze then goes on to point out a general difference of emphasis between the National Union of Christian Schools and the National Association of Christian Schools. He states concerning the latter: "That group may tell us that the primary purpose of education that is Christian in character is to lead the subject to Christ. The purpose is therefore essentially missionary."

Following this more general difference, Schultze addresses himself to a principle which sharply distinguishes the one group from the other. It is the principle concerning the covenant.

We do well to listen to Schultze as he elaborates more fully on this subject of the covenant and the Kingdom as it relates to the purpose of Christian education. Schultze writes as follows:

It is on the rock of conviction that many Christian School advocates, who are in so many ways so close together, are wrecked as they attempt to work

out some ways of closer cooperation. And it is also right here where their conceptions of the purpose of education diverge. The one insists that the purpose is to bring the child from without into the Kingdom and the other is to train the child already in the kingdom to an intelligent shouldering of his citizenship at maturity. This second view is clearly expressed in 2 Timothy 3:17: "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

We certainly have no objection on the part of individuals or even groups of individuals using educational measures to bring another to Christ. We simply at this time question whether missionary work can be properly designated as the primary and distinctive purpose of the Christian School.

The proper conception of Christian education has a tremendous bearing on the subject-matter taught, the methods employed, and the selection and evaluation of the teacher.

There are misconceptions even among the adherents of the Christian School within our own circles. It is thought that it is the function of the Christian School to teach the Bible and other sacred literature and the practice of religious forms. These are just the things that the public schools do not do. But that is a very superficial conception of the purpose of the Christian School. Of course, the Christian School may and does add these items, but these do not mark the school. Parents may delight to have their child manifest increased knowledge of the Scripture and other matters directly associated with religion. They are pleased with a teacher who manifests genuine Christian virtue, but the work of training a pupil to become fully conscious of his citizenship in the Kingdom

of Heaven and to assume the responsibility of such citizenship calls for standards of evaluation not yet fully appreciated.

It is not my intention in quoting Schultze to discourage bonafide missionary efforts within our educational system. My interest is in maintaining and promoting the truly Reformed idea of the purpose of education. Our schools must continue to concentrate on their God-given task, namely, Christian Education. When we minimize or neglect this distinctive role of the school, as school, we reveal a misunderstanding of God's covenant and Kingdom, which in time will seriously undermine our Reformed witness in the church and in the world.

CONCERT CHOIR
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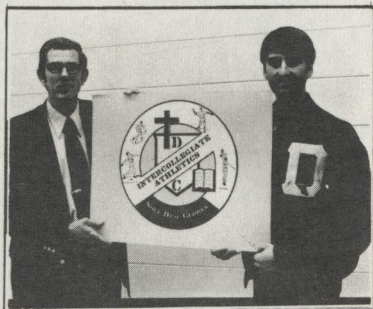
The Dordt College Concert Choir has completed the schedule for their winter tour, January 4 - January 15, 1974. This is the first time the choir will head into the southlands, so the tour dates have been advanced to take place between the first and second semester instead of the usual spring tour. The itinerary is as follows:

Friday, January 4
Pella, Iowa, Evening Concert
Sunday, January 6
Memphis, Tennessee, Aft. Concert
Sunday, January 6
French Camp, Miss. Eve. Concert
Monday, January 7
Jackson, Miss., Evening Concert
Wednesday, January 9
Miami, Florida, Evening Concert
Thursday, January 10
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Evening Concert
Friday, January 11
Lake Worth, Florida, Eve. Concert
Saturday, January 12
Orlando, Florida, Evening Concert
Sunday, January 13
Bradenton, Florida, Evening Concert
The choir will give six daytime concerts in the local Christian high schools.

DORDT SHARES IN ESTATE

Dordt College recently received a nice check from the estate of Mrs. Bertha Prince Mellema. Dordt is gratefully appreciative for this gift of Christian love from the estate of one whose life was a witness through her love and dedicated service. May God bless this gift richly as it is used in the continued development of the college, and that the name of our Savior may be praised through its students. It is always encouraging that the challenge presents itself to God's people when making plans for the final dissolution of their earthly possessions.

DORDT ATHLETE PRODUCES ART WORK



Experiences in college athletics mean different things to different athletes. Such meanings are frequently evasive and not always clear. Emotional responses to athletic competition are not easily communicated to other persons, especially to non-participants. Goals and objectives of college athletic programs, therefore, even at a college like Dordt, are often misunderstood by athletes and spectators alike.

Not so for Tim Schiebout, a junior student from Maurice, Iowa, however. Tim has also been a strong performer on the Dordt College cross-country and track teams for the past three seasons. Shown in the above picture, Tim is presenting to Dr. Frank Calsbeek, Dordt's Athletic Director, his recently completed art work. It illustrates the meaning that Tim has experienced as a varsity athlete in two different sports and as a physical education major.

Tim's last five-mile cross country race of the 1973 season was history. How well he realized that now would begin the self-disciplining task of maintaining the high fitness level developed over the last several months of training.

During the cross country season, and now in the off-season, fellow students occasionally quipped, "You must be crazy to participate in such a grueling sport!" (Some distance trackmen frankly admit, "It's just too much!") After all, basketball has its cheering crowds, baseball its homeruns, football its completed passes, but cross country? It has little besides its long hours and long miles of hard work!

One day, after reflecting on comments like these, Tim stopped to visit with Dordt's Athletic Director. He wanted to share his concern aroused by these comments made by well-meaning friends. Considerable discussion followed.

Reflecting on that discussion for a few days convinced Tim that he needed to communicate the significance of participation in athletics for a Christian student at a Christian college like Dordt. After all he had experienced the implications, for personal and interpersonal spiritual development, of Christian coaching. He had felt

the camaraderie with fellow-Christian team members, the thrill of winning, the loneliness of running, the soul-searching of defeat - all had to be shared with others.

Tim admits, "This piece of art work is very personal. It brought me closer to what all of life means to me. The Cross, symbolic of Christ's redemptive power, and shown at the top of the drawing, overshadows all of life, including athletics. Christian athletes must be humbled by that," Tim stated.

"This effort of Tim's pleases me greatly," said Dr. Calsbeek. "Athletics at a Christian college should be different, and when I see athletes also expressing themselves in such ways as this, I know it is!"

ACCEPTED AT COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Mr. Eric Leestma, Lansing, Illinois, has been accepted at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Chicago. The Chicago School of Osteopathic Medicine is rated as an excellent institution in the field of Osteopathy. Out of 1200 applicants, Eric was among the 100 accepted into the Freshman class at the school. Mr. Leestma is a 1970 graduate of Chicago Christian High School, Palos Heights, Illinois. He is now a senior at Dordt College, where he is majoring in Biology. Eric is the son of Rev. & Mrs. Rein Leestma of Lansing, Illinois.

DORDT SHARES IN JOINT FOUNDATION GRANT

Three northwest Iowa colleges--Dordt of Sioux Center, Northwestern of Orange City and Westmar of Le Mars--have been awarded a joint grant of \$20,000 from the Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation, Inc., of Mason City to permit closer cooperation by the three colleges in providing library services.

The library grant to the three colleges will be used for cross cataloging of all holdings in six major classifications: education, history, political science, languages and

literature, psychology and sociology. This project will include approximately one-third of each library's holdings and those most frequently used.

Since 1971 all three libraries have been cross cataloging new acquisitions. The grant awarded for 1974 and 1975 will permit materials received by each library prior to 1971 to be cross cataloged. This will result in doubling the effective holdings for each library.

VAN DYK GRANTED TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

John Van Dyk, professor of philosophy at Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa (now on a 2 year leave of absence) has been granted a teaching assistantship and a tuition fellowship at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

The teaching assistantship will pay \$1400 for the first semester while the tuition fellowship waives \$1600 in tuition and fees.

His teaching assistantship will consist of attending two lectures and to conduct one 50-minute discussion session per week. This group includes about 20 freshmen taking the introductory course in philosophy. The topic for the semester is "The Existence of God." Mr. Van Dyk's colleagues at Cornell in the same department and teaching the same subject are atheists whose main goal is to prove that the existence of God is fallacious. Van Dyk is given the academic freedom to counteract this in his class.

Mr. Van Dyk is studying toward a Ph. D. in the Medieval Period. His work there consists of translations, language study and several reading courses.

Mr. Van Dyk was a native of the Netherlands where he received his elementary and secondary education. He then attended Calvin College for four years and received his A.M. degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

He taught several years at a Christian high school in California before coming to Dordt College in 1966.

Speeches by Prof. H. G. Stoker, well-known lecturer on Calvinism from South Africa, delivered in a series of 3 public lectures at Dordt College.

☐ Tape # 1 "The dilemma concerning the unity of science in our dispensation."

☐ Tape # 2 "The significance of 'man as the image of God' for a philosophic and for particular scientific anthropologies."

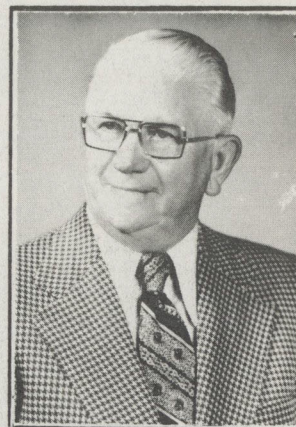
☐ Tape # 3 "Outlines of a cosmocreative philosophy with a special stress on the dynamic side (or dimension) of the cosmos."

Reformation Day Rally speech by Rev. Thomas Vanden Heuvel of Holland, Michigan.

☐ Tape # 4 "The Hungry King."

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A TRIBUTE TO MR. NEAL BOERSMA



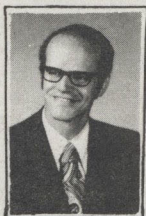
On November 1, 1973, Mr. Neal Boersma officially retired as business manager of Dordt College. Neal, as he is affectionately addressed, began his duties at Dordt in 1961. For two years he held two positions simultaneously, one as supervisor of the solicitors for Pine Rest Hospital and the other as business officer of Dordt College. Thereafter he gave full time service to the college. During all these years, Neal continued to live in Inwood, Iowa, driving 28 miles to and from Sioux Center five days each week. The church and people of Inwood hold a warm spot in Neal's heart, which fact in itself is a revealing aspect of his tender and loving character. His retirement affords us the opportunity to pay a well deserved parting word of tribute.

The services of Mr. Boersma extended far beyond the business office. All of us are aware of and appreciative of the high competency displayed by Neal Boersma in the matters of fi-

nance. Dordt College is grateful to the Lord for the talents which he brought to our institution during its crucial formative years. What is not always recognized are the many additional benefits which the college enjoyed from Neal's diversified interests, his keen analysis of the issues confronting the college, his ability to carry on an intimate personal relationship with the various personnel on the campus, and the esteem which he brought to the college through his contacts with the business world outside.

Perhaps Mr. Boersma will best be remembered for the major role he played in the campus building expansion program. In this area his experience and know-how were extremely valuable to Dordt College. We hope that Neal will be able to continue to serve Dordt as a special consultant for years to come. In any case, we pray for him and his wife the richest blessings of our gracious Lord in the years remaining to them.

DE WIT NEW BUSINESS MANAGER



Although Mr. Bernard De Wit is no stranger to the Dordt community and constituency, we take this opportunity to introduce him as the new business manager of the college. We are happy that Mr. B. De Wit can step into this position with demonstrated competency. He is thoroughly familiar with every aspect of the college's financing and the business office. He came to Dordt in the fall of 1966 as assistant to the business manager, which position he filled with respectability and honor for seven years. The close relationship sustained between Boersma and De Wit not only has prepared and equipped De Wit for his basic

task but has also provided him with extremely valuable know-how and tips in investment procedures.

Mr. De Wit received his college degree at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota in business administration. He taught history and business courses at Southwest Minnesota Christian High School, Edgerton, Minnesota, for eight years, before coming to Dordt. Since joining the administrative staff here, De Wit has spent two summers at the University of Nebraska studying in the area of college business management.

Mr. De Wit is married and has three daughters.

FALL DRIVE OFF TO EXCELLENT START

According to Mr. Lyle Gritters, Director of Public Relations at Dordt College and Chairman of the Fall Foundation Day drive,

this year's campaign is off to its best start in the history of the drive.

As of December 6, \$55,000 was received for the drive from about 100 churches. (Another 40 churches will be sending in their results in the next four to six weeks). Combined, these 100 churches have raised \$9,300 more than last year.

Some of the churches with the biggest increases are: Pella Faith-\$767 increase; Orange City I-\$657 increase; Prinsburg-\$580 increase; Hull I-\$541 increase; Os-kaloosa I-\$515 increase; Kanawha I-\$485 increase; Escondido-\$430 increase; Platte-\$406 increase; and Lincoln Center-\$361 increase. Almost 80% of the churches have reported modest to sizeable increases in this year's results.

Mr. Gritters reports that, should the trend continue, the drive could come very close to this year's \$70,000 goal.

The Dordt College Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1974 at 1:30 p.m. in the Dordt Commons meeting room.